



The big goal:

To increase the proportion of Americans with high-quality degrees and credentials to 60 percent by the year 2025.

Attainment in Missouri

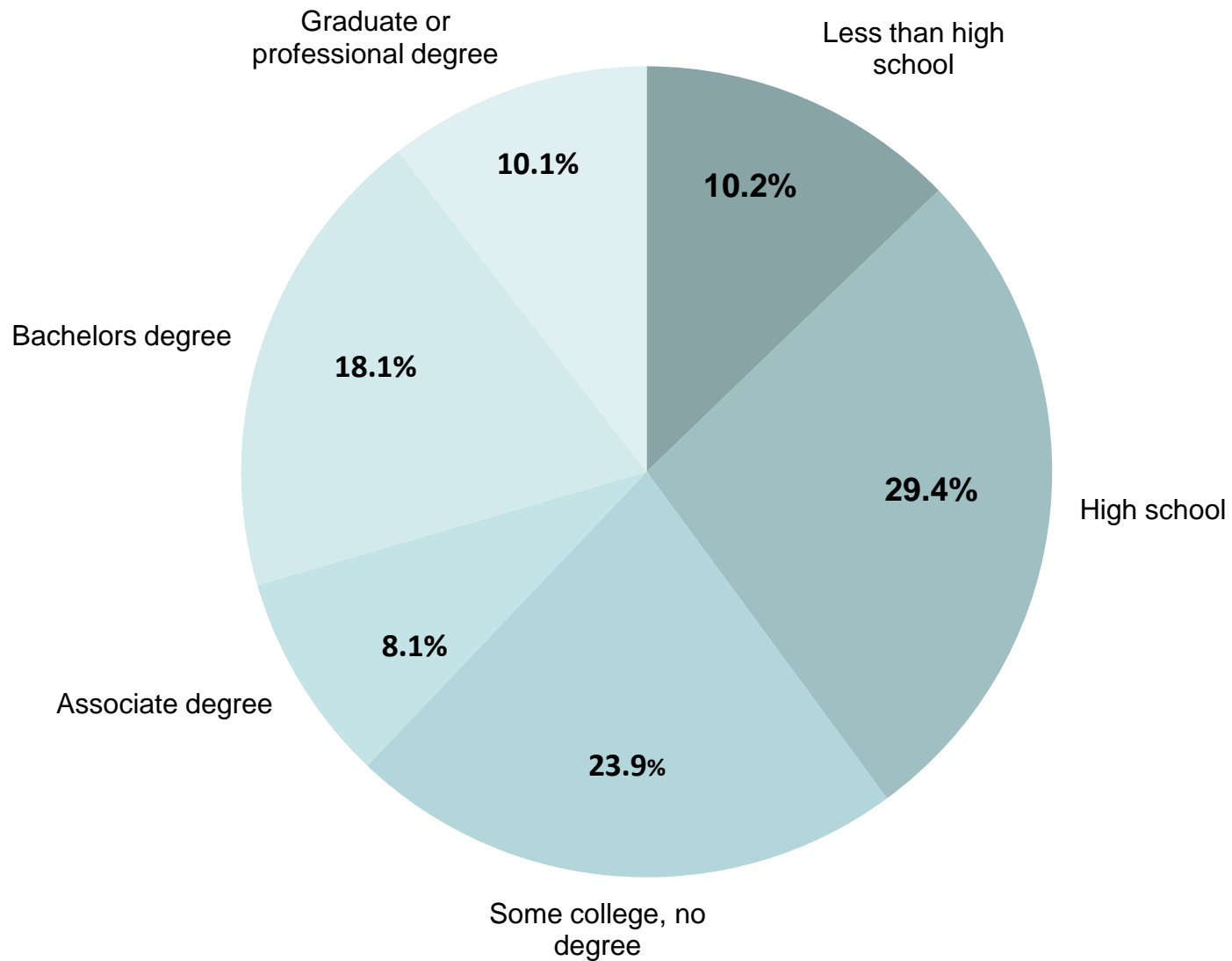
36.4% in 2011

35.8% in 2010

34.9% in 2009

34.9% in 2008

6th highest increase in U.S. over last three years



755,000 working-age Missouri adults have attended college but don't have a degree.

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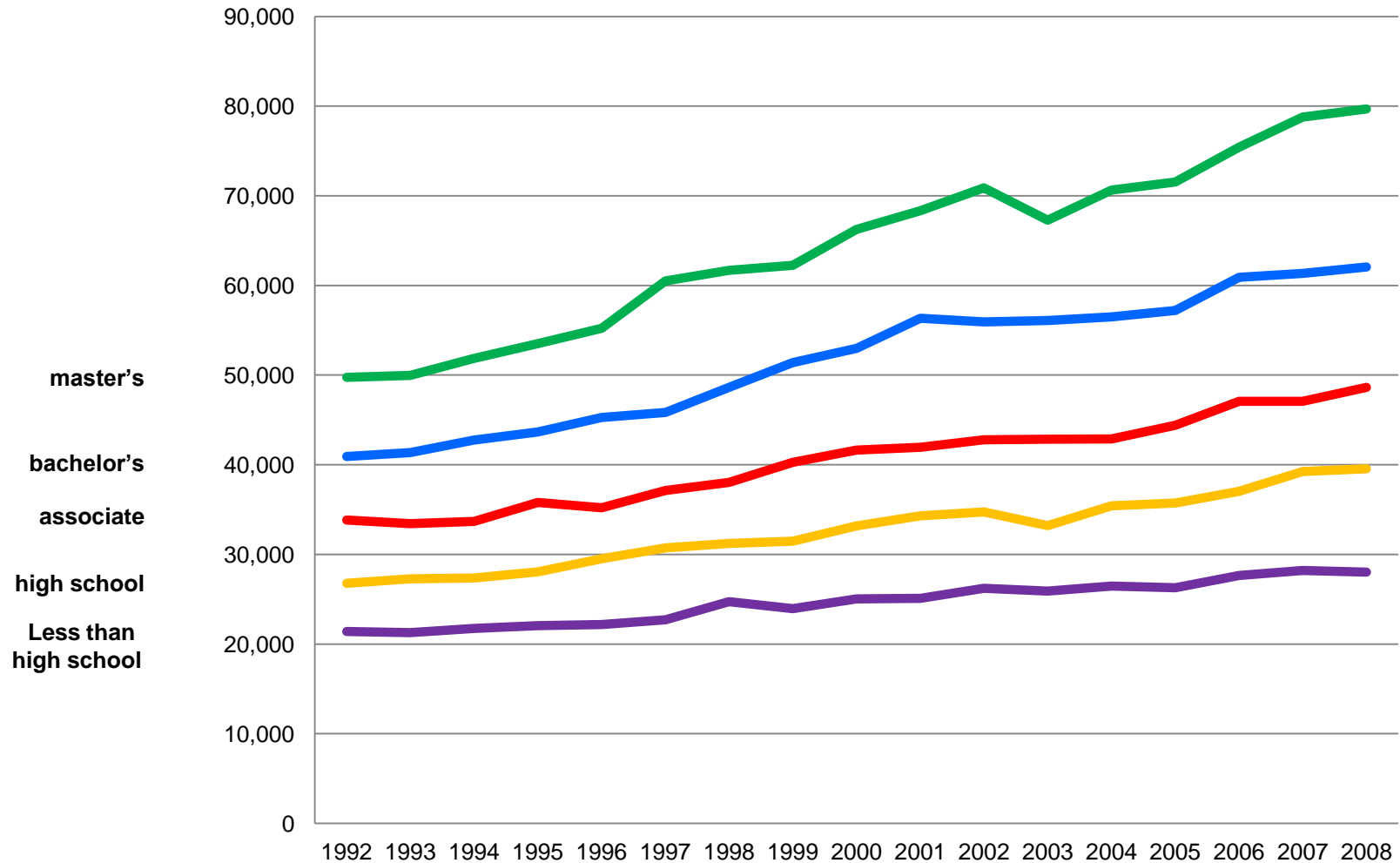
40.0% in 2011 among young adults (25 to 34)

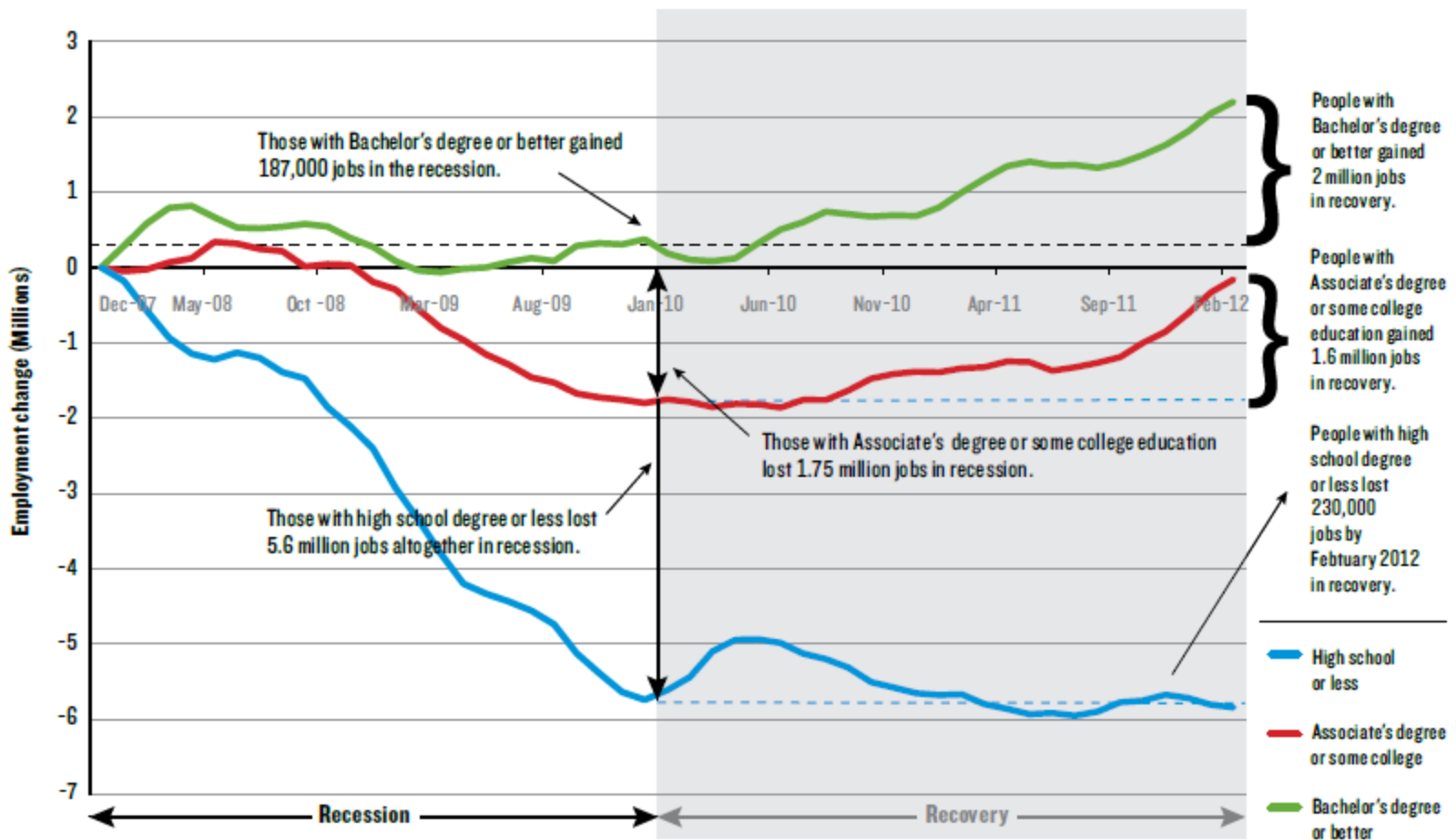
54.8% in Boone County

12.8% in Washington County

Income by level of education

Source: US Census, Current Population Survey

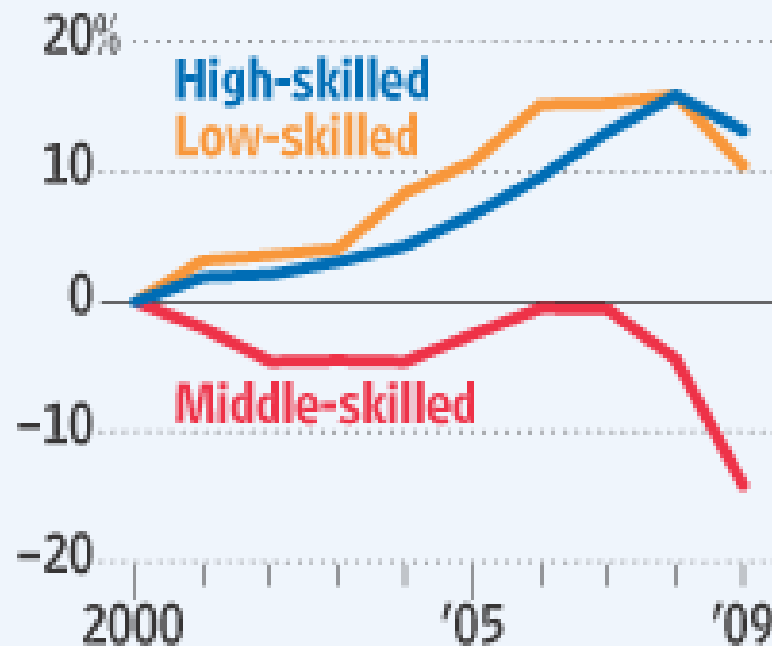




Stuck in the Middle

The recession has accelerated a longer-term decline in middle-skilled, middle-wage jobs.

Cumulative change in employment since 2000, by skill level



Sources: David Autor, MIT; Labor Dept.